

According to Uncle, Rostyslav Chomiak told him about mid-March that he was offered full time employment with Radio Liberty, and that he was planning to leave. Uncle asked him whether he was unhappy about something in his job and asked him to reconsider. Chomiak said it was not a question of being unhappy in his work but that there was more opportunity for advancement with Radio Lib.

In late March, he gave notice, effective the first of April. He said the man with whom he talked at Radio Lib told him his employment was being blocked "from above", and that there was nothing he could do about it. Chomiak told Uncle he would seek employment with a small town newspaper, and do part-time script writing for VOA in the meantime, that he was in no particular hurry to find reemployment. Uncle told me he found this hard to believe since Mrs. Chomiak was unemployed at present, awaiting the birth of a child, and that he didn't see how they could get along for very long without one of them working. It was Uncle's belief that Radio Lib told Chomiak if he quit, and was unemployed, they would be free to hire him. In fact, [] called me a day or so later to say the New York office was hiring Chomiak because he was no longer employed with Prolog. Uncle felt that if Radio Lib hired him immediately, it would prove to Chomiak that Uncle was instrumental in blocking his employment with Radio Lib, and that word might get passed around the community that once you work for Prolog, you have difficulty getting other employment. It was, therefore, requested that Radio Lib not put Chomiak on the payroll for about one month. [] agreed with this, but he later called back to say New York couldn't go along with it because Chomiak knew they had a vacancy and they, therefore, could not now tell him to come back a month later. New York said they would wait only until the 15th of April.

Dr. Prokop also told Uncle that a Radio Lib employee had contacted him on three occasions in the past several months offering him a full time job. He, of course, is not inclined to leave. This does, however, present a problem, for the future, whatever the future may be. The higher salaries, more liberal promotion policy and the attractive retirement plan offered Radio Lib employees is an important factor.

According to [] [], unless certain non-staffers in the New York office are made aware of our collaboration with Prolog, processing of a new employee goes a long way before

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it is learned that he may be connected with an Agency project. It would seem, however, that if CA/1 applies for a clearance for Radio Lib employees before any commitment is made, the name trace would lead to the 201 file, which would indicate the prospective employee's status vis-a-vis an Agency project. In view of Chomiak's free lancing status, he was processed before the request for clearance was in progress, according to CA/1.

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